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2. SUMMARY: PICKING UP ON THE U.S. SUGGESTION (REF B) THAT A WALK-THROUGH, VISUAL INSPECTION "MAY" RESOLVE THE "YIN HE" ISSUE, THE CHINESE HAVE PROPOSED THAT U.S. INSPECTORS JOIN AS "TECHNICAL ADVISERS" TO A JOINT SAUDI-CHINESE TEAM THAT WOULD INSPECT THE "YIN HE" OUTSIDE DAMMAM PORT. AT THE SAME TIME, CHINA HAS ATTACHED CONDITIONS, INCLUDING THAT THE U.S. DECLARE THE "YIN HE" CLEAN OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS PRECURSORS, IF IT IS, AND THAT WE SECURE PRIOR UAE APPROVAL FOR THE "YIN HE" TO DOCK AT DUBAL ONCE WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY INSPECTED THE CARGO AT DAMMANA.

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APPEAR WILLING TO ORDER THE SHIP TO PROCEED TO DAMMAM IF THE SAUDIS WILL SIGNAL THAT THE SHIP IS WELCOME. END SUMMARY.

3. ON AUGUST 10, MFA IO DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR SHA ZU KANG PROVIDED US WITH THE CHINESE RESPONSE TO THE U.S. AUGUST 8 PROPOSAL FOR RESOLVING THE "YIN HE" AFFAIR (REF B). HE FIRST READ FROM A TALKING POINTS PAPER WHICH IS REPRODUCED AT PARA 10, BUT THEN ADDED IMPORTANT CLARIFICATIONS. THE CHINESE SAY THEY ARE ANXIOUS TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE AS OUTCKLY AS POSSIBLE,



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SHA REITERATED THE CHINESE CLAIM THAT THE U.S. CHARGES ARE "GROUNDLESS" AND THAT WE BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR COSTS AND DELAYS INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE ENTIRE "YIN HE" INCIDENT.



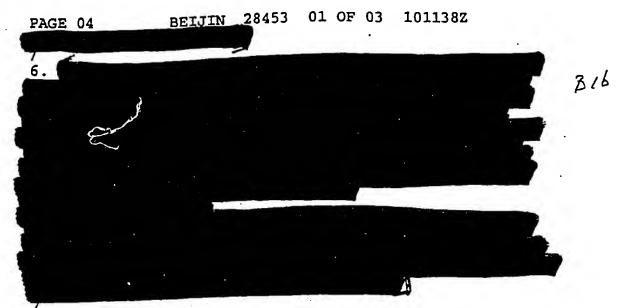
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7. SHA SAID CHINESE SHIPPERS HAVE CERTIFIED THE CARGO DOES NOT CONTAIN CHEMICAL WEAPONS PRECURSORS AND HAVE AGREED TO BE PROSECUTED UNDER CHINESE LAW IF THEY HAVE MADE A FALSE DECLARATION.

8. ON THE QUESTION OF MOVING TOWARD DAMMAM PORT, SHA

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BEIJIN 28453 02 OF 03 101138Z PAGE 02 SAID THE SAUDIS HAVE ALREADY REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE "YIN HE, " THEREFORE, HE REQUESTED THE U.S. ("AS ITS RESPONSIBILITY*) TO PROCURE SAUDI PERMISSION FOR THE VESSEL TO ENTER SAUDI WATERS OUTSIDE DAMMAM. HE SAID CHINA WOULD WAIT FOR SUCH PERMISSION, WHICH COULD COME VIA A DESIGNATED CHINESE SHIPPING AGENT OR THE CHINESE EMBASSY IN SAUDI ARABIA. HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH SHA INDICATED THE CHINESE WERE WILLING TO INSTRUCT THE SHIP TO APPROACH DAMMAM, HE ALSO REITERATED THAT IT MADE NO SENSE TO DO SO UNLESS BOTH (1) THE SAUDIS ARE READY TO PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT INSPECTION AND (2) THE U.S. CAN GUARANTEE THE UAE WILL ALLOW THE SHIP INTO DUBAI WHEN A SUCCESSFUL INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT.

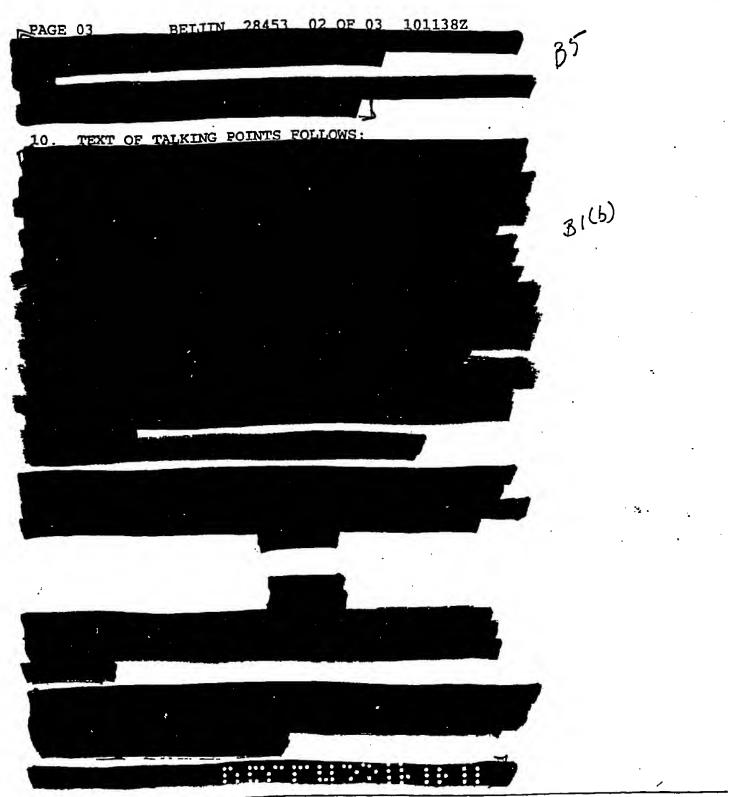


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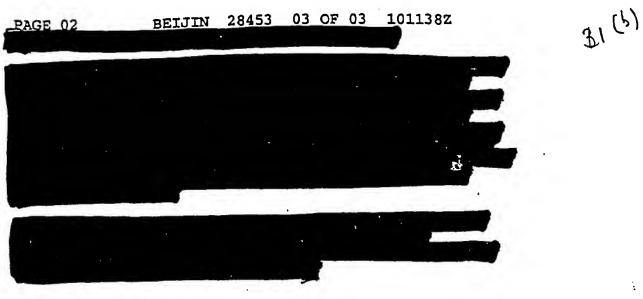
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